

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Ozaukee County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

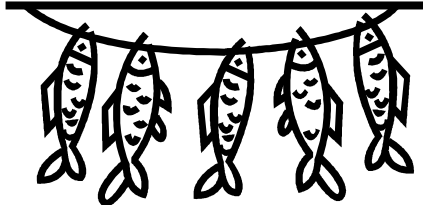
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Ozaukee County, **19,497** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Harrington Beach State Park** attracted close to **159,798 visitors**, making an estimated **local economic impact** of **\$7,989,900**.

\$229,292 was invested back into the infrastructure of Ozaukee County's state properties.

DNR granted **\$3,133** to the **Mequon City Police Department** for Boat Patrol activities.

To date, **371 citizens** have graduated from hunter education in Ozaukee County this year.

Community Partnerships

The Citizen-Based Monitoring Program is an initiative that connects **citizens and scientists working together** to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Partners and projects in Ozaukee County include: monitoring a creek restoration project with the **Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department** and monitoring ponds and native prairies at the **Riveredge Nature Center**.

Snapshot of grants in Ozaukee County

DNR awarded **\$1,762,313 in grants** for the materials and labor to construct an accessible cabin at Harrington beach, control invasive species, repair a public boat launch and do regular snowmobile trail maintenance.

\$44,731 was granted for fish and wildlife restoration projects including Crystal Springs Creek Stream and Mee-kwon Creek.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Ozaukee County received \$150,587 in Urban Forestry grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer (EAB) preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

In 2012, Riveredge Nature Center received a grant from the DNR to conduct a restoration project on a community woodlot owned by three separate entities: the city, a school and a church.

Ozaukee County has 2,013 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since June 2010, DNR has provided over \$8,760 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.

DNR granted \$7,191 to local Fire Departments in Ozaukee County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved cleanups at 317 contaminated properties resulting in 214 acres being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide long-term protection of public health and environment.

DNR responded to 22 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams

Deer Management in Ozaukee County

In 2014, Ozaukee County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with one landowner who has three acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 1,187 deer were registered in Ozaukee County with 534 harvested during archery deer season and 653 harvested during the gun deer season.